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Theatre Fellowship Call for Proposals



About the Yuma Art Center

The Yuma Art Center's vision is for all Yuma community members to live creative lives by being a part of the arts. The Yuma Art Center advances the arts by providing distinct opportunities for community participation and artistic growth. With over 100,000 visitors each year, the Yuma Art Center annually produces three theatre productions, twenty visual art exhibitions, holds nearly fifty unique performing and visual arts classes, facilitates the annual summer mural program, screens dozens of films, supports the North End Artists CoOp, coordinates festivals and signature events and advances public art throughout Yuma. The Yuma Art Center is owned and managed by the City of Yuma's Parks and Recreation Department and is home to the Division of Arts and Culture.

About the Dinner Theatre Production:

Each February, during the week of Valentine's Day, the Yuma Art Center presents a full-length dinner theatre production in the Yuma Art Center galleries. The center's central gallery is transformed into a unique performance space with a stage and set built completely for the customized needs of the given production. The 2022 production will mark ten years of dinner theatre productions at the Yuma Art Center, noting that prior to the pandemic, the production has sold out every show for ten consecutive years.

Production and Fellowship Timeline:

Proposal Due: July 30, 2021 by 4:00 pm

Fellowship Period: September 2021 - February 2022

Production: February 9-20, 2022, approximately 8-10 shows

Fellowship Description:

The Theatre Fellowship program will give a seasoned or emerging theatre practitioner an opportunity to develop their directorial practice with a focus on a community-responsive theatre production. This competitive, part-time residency will provide the awardee with a stipend, temporary housing (if needed), technical production needs and administrative support. As a part-time residency, the director is required to conduct regular rehearsals and must be available for the entire week prior to and the week of performance for technical rehearsals. The rehearsal and production schedules will be determined based on the availability of the director and selected cast members. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the health and safety of all involved in the production, along with prospective theatre goers, is the top priority of the Yuma Art



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Center. This may impact schedules, rehearsals, and theatre capacity, however the director, cast and crew will be involved in any changes or accommodations as they may arise.

Support from the Yuma Art Center:

- \$2,500 stipend (\$500 per month)
- Administrative support; to including: marketing, ticketing, production royalties, and scripts
- Technical production support; to include: lighting, sound, set, properties, and costumes
- Temporary housing assistance (if needed).

Fellow Responsibilities:

- Direct a full-length play or musical
- Lead regularly scheduled rehearsals starting in October 2021
- Assist with programming related to performance
- Attend regular production meetings

How to Apply:

Applicants must submit a proposal in the form of a one-page document by July 30, 2021 by 4:00 pm to Arts@YumaAz.gov with the subject line of "Theatre Fellowship Application." The proposal should include a brief description of the production as well as a brief description of the applicant's specific direction and design for the production. Along with the proposal, applicants must submit an artistic resume and two professional references. The Division of Arts and Culture will select the fellowship recipient through the competitive application process.

Please take into consideration the production preference is a comedy, melodrama, mystery or related genre to fit within the nature of a dinner theatre setting. Also note that the cast will be comprised of volunteer performers from throughout the Yuma community and the rehearsal schedule will be set based on the availability of the director and cast selected. Because of this, shows with small cast sizes are preferred.

Preferred Qualifications

- 2 years professional or community theater experience.
- Preferred Bachelor's Degree in directing, theatre, performance studies or related field.
- Ability to develop and direct a full-length production under the guidance of the Division of Arts and Culture.
- Knowledge of contemporary theatre, theatre education, and dinner theatre practices.
- Willingness to engage and work with local artists.
- Ability to work independently and with staff, volunteers and representatives of local organizations.
- Ability to communicate effectively in writing and public presentations.
- Ability to meet deadlines.

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